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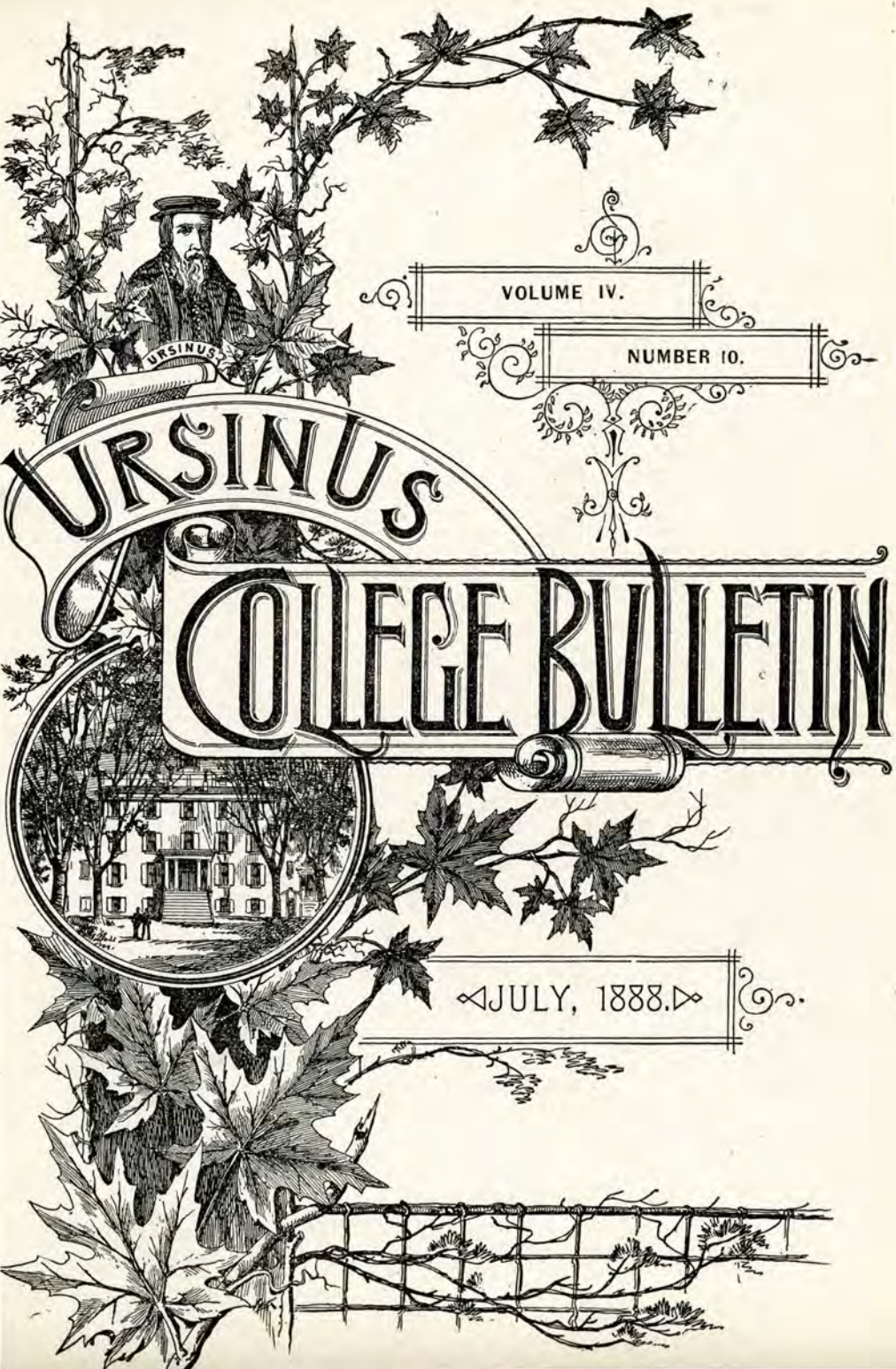
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A NEW and interesting partnership having been entered into by the leading editor of the BULLETIN, of so absorbing a nature as to engage his entire present attention, the preparation of the July number falls upon less experienced hands. For this generous readers will cheerfully make due allowance. Meanwhile, let all cordially unite in giving the young brother their best wishes for a pleasant, long and prosperous engagement.

Happily for our friends, the task of "doing up" the present number is greatly alleviated by the amount of available and inspiring matter supplied by the Commencement week festivities of the College. It will quite fill our limited space to give even a condensed report of the events of the week.

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A year of great prosperity for all the interests of the College, like that just closed, naturally prepared the way for one of the most delightful celebrations ever enjoyed by the friends of URSINUS. All were ready to enter joyously into the festivities, and none were disappointed in the high expectations cherished.

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As a very fitting harbinger of the great week a delightful musical entertainment was given on the evening of June 20th, of which the following brief report is furnished:

The musical class at URSINUS, under the direction of Prof. Steins, gave its first concert Thursday evening. The hall was uncomfortably filled. In fact, it was so warm that any one would have been uncomfortable anywhere, and it took but a few minutes to take the starch out of the collars and cuffs of the performers. Attractive features of the occasion were: Two excellently rendered selections by the Ursinus College Orchestra;

the singing of Miss Matilda Sylvester, of Philadelphia, and Miss Ida Koons, of Grater's Ford; and the flute solo by Ralph Royer, accompanied by Miss M. T. Kratz, both of Trappe. Mr. Royer's solo was rendered with the usual skill and expression. Following is the programme:

PART I.

Marabella Waltzes . Ursinus College Orchestra.
Organ Solo—Tannhaeuser March.

Miss M. Koons.

Piano and Organ Duet—Selections.

Misses A. Kratz and L. Schwenk.

Piano Duet. Misses Lillie Phipps and Flora Rahn.

Flute Solo Mr. R. Royer.

Soprano and Alto Duet—"Treibe Schiffelein."

Misses Tillie and Louisa Sylvester.

Baritone Solo—"My Heav'n on Earth."

Mr. F. Steins.

Soprano Solo—"Scenes That Are Brightest."

Miss Tillie Sylvester.

C dur Sonate. Miss Lillie Preston.

Chorus—"Hail, Lovely Spring."

Solos by Misses Ida Koons and Louisa Sylvester.

PART II.

Diadem Overture . . Ursinus College Orchestra.
Organ Solo—Gloria from Mozart's Twelfth Mass.

Mr. Frank Steinbright.

Piano Solo—Sonate Mr. F. Steins.

Soprano Solo—"The Mother's Song."

Miss Ida Koons.

Solo, for flute and clarinet—Nocturne.

Rev. E. Hibshman and Mr. R. Royer.

Soprano and Baritone Duet—"The Gypsy Countess."

Miss Tillie Sylvester and Mr. F. Steins.

Piano Solo—F dur Sonate . Miss S. Hendricks.

Baritone Solo—"Des Koenig's Grenadiere."

Mr. F. Steins.

Quartette—"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah."

Misses T. and L. Sylvester and Messrs. E.

Hibshman and F. Steins.

Chorus—"Look Up, Behold the Fields Are White."

THE COMMENCEMENT.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24TH.

*Inaugurating the Exercises — The
Baccalaureate Sermon by Rev.
Dr. Bomberger.*

The exercises of the seventeenth annual commencement of URSINUS COLLEGE began with the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class, delivered before a large audience in St. Luke's Church by President Bomberger, D. D., LL.D. The subject of the discourse was "The Recognition of the Claims of Christianity by the Young Men of the Day," based on Acts ix, 6: "And he, trembling and astonished, said, Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

After brief introductory words, he said:—

Among the important lessons taught by the text considered in its connections, I propose to select some which have a special bearing upon the present occasion. One is the claims of Christianity upon the young men of our day. Connected with this is the recognition of those claims and of the responsibilities involved in yielding to them.

It requires but little familiarity with the Christianity of the Gospel to notice that it not only calls upon all men everywhere to repent, believe and heartily enter into its service, but that it in a special way addresses its appeals to those entering upon life, urges them to comply with its calls, and earnestly enlist in its work. It has always done so. Indeed it has been a characteristic of the history of redemption in all

ages to lay hold of young people and not only make them possessors of its blessings but zealous participants in its work. From the time of Abel onward, the annals of redemption supply a long list of the names of young men honored with a commission from heaven and made faithful witnesses for the truth and zealous co-workers for its advancement. But the fact thus exhibited in ages preceding the Gospel dispensation is most remarkably illustrated under that dispensation itself. Its immediate harbinger was a young man; for John the Baptist went forth preaching in the wilderness the near advent of the kingdom of God when he was under thirty years of age. And the Lord himself, viewed in His human character, was still a young man when He entered upon His heavenly mission. And His selection of those who should be His first chief agents in carrying on the work, shows a decided preference for men in the early morning of their life.

This feature in the method of grace was in accordance with that ancient prophecy of Joel which Peter quoted with such force upon the day of Pentecost, and the fulfillment of which was one of the most cheering features of early Christianity. In the case before us in the text, we have a signal illustration of the truth. Saul of Tarsus was a young man when he was arrested in his course by the miraculous call addressed to him by Christ Himself from Heaven.

But without stopping to cite further proofs from the history of the church in immediate subsequent ages we turn at once to note the wonderful degree in which that ancient prophecy is being fulfilled in our times. Never before have such multitudes of young men and young women been enlisted in earnest, active efforts for the upbuilding and spread of the kingdom of salvation. Tens of thousands are found in the Sunday schools of Christianity doing as much good for the cause as is done in any other sphere and by any other class of Gospel laborers. The present century has notably been marked by grand comprehensive movements in the interests of the true Church of Christ. These movements have sprung out of the inmost heart and the best life of the Christian Church. And it is only necessary to consider the great good that has been accomplished by such institutions as the Bible Societies, the Tract Societies and similar agencies, to realize the significance of the century in this respect. Especially must we be impressed with the fact that the era is marked by the inauguration of Foreign Missions on a scale more vast and effective than any pertaining to earlier periods in the church.

To-night I ask you to enlist under the banner of the cross. Let us hope that you will recognize it as promptly as was done by young Saul of Tarsus. But bear in mind that an acceptance of the call should involve a due consideration of the

responsibility involved in doing so. It is, indeed, to be engaged in with a

First of all it is necessary to recognize the divine authority to which you are required to be subject in entering on this service. The spirit of zeal must be subordinate to that of obedience. There is a yoke to be borne as well as work to be done. The commission includes directions to be followed. You must enter upon the service asking sincerely, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me do," and asking it with a sincere determination to obey the Master's orders. He knows better how His work should be done than you do. And it is only by doing it according to His dictation that it can be done successfully and with acceptance.

Again, submission to the will of the Lord is closely associated with a proper regard for the discipline and authority He has instituted in His church. And young people who desire to serve Him and His cause most faithfully and efficiently will not disdain proper submission to Gospel authority. They will be glad to take counsel of those set over them in the Lord and to learn wisdom as to methods and measures from those whose faithful services qualify them to be good counselors of their younger brethren.

A third consideration suggested by the text and subsequent course of the young man here called to be an apostle of the Lord, is the importance of duly realizing the solemn responsibility of the work to which the Gospel calls young men.

It is, indeed, to be engaged in with a joyous, cheerful spirit, but by no means frivolously. Sometimes youthful zeal exhibits itself with a hilarity which, though it may be called religious, badly comports with Christian propriety. The mission is too earnest, involves issues too tremendous to be engaged in with light-mindedness or frivolity. Least of all should any mercenary, selfish aspirations be indulged in a case like this.

In a properly qualified sense the command of the divine Captain of salvation is, Young men, to the front! But, note well, this is not to be paraphrased as a call to them to rush to the *top*. In war the front is the position of hard work and great peril. And those occupying it are put there not to be leaders of the forces but in some sort pioneers to prepare the way for the army and break the fury of the first assault. And if any part of the host needs more than another to heed the orders of the battle and be under strict discipline, it is the brigade set in the lead.

Young brethren, never forget this. And if any are unwilling to bow to this law of the Lord they thereby only prove themselves unfit for service under the Banner of the Cross.

In conclusion, realize that you occupy most solemn grounds to-night. If Jesus has not met and won you to His side before, let Him meet you here and so lay His hands upon you as to constrain you to cry out, "Lord, I confess Thy sovereign right to me. Command what Thou wilt and con-

strain me cheerfully to comply with what Thou mayst have me do."

MONDAY, JUNE 25TH,

Was partly given to closing examinations of the several classes. But the arrival of the immense roll of canvas and the putting up of the large tent during the afternoon drew most of the students in that direction. Such a stretch of duck had never been seen in this section before, and the novelty of the thing had its strong attractions. Then the settees had to be brought from wherever any could be obtained, and this afforded the "boys" any amount of frolicsome toil, in which they learned experimentally that many cheerful hands make light work. The tent pitched and furnished had, of course, next to be tested as to its capacity and comfort. And it was pleasantly amusing to see the dignified grace with which scores lounged among the seats and the shaded and airy aisles of the structure.

The evening, however, afforded still better opportunity for learning the advantages of the novel arrangement.

Junior Class Exercises.

The Junior Class exercises took place on Monday evening, under the tent which had been erected during the day. An audience of many hundreds greeted the coming Seniors and gave undivided attention to their most creditable efforts. The programme, though long, held the best attention of the assemblage throughout. The music was exceedingly

well rendered by the Phoenix Military Band, under the leadership of Prof. Vanderslice. The renditions cannot be spoken of too highly. "All honor to the coming men" for the grand success of the evening. The programme follows:—

Invocation.

Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D., Trappe, Pa.
Music.

Salutatory . . . S. P. Stauffer, Guth's Station, Pa.
Class Essay—"Labor and Talent."

C. K. Williard, Trappe, Pa.
Music.

Philosophical Oration—"Liberty Enlightening the World." . Ernest Clapp, Newton, N. C.

Classical Oration—"Aspirations of Youth."

H. M. Slotterer, Trappe, Pa.
Music.

History . Mayne R. Longstreth, Collegeville, Pa.

Class Oration—Class Motto, "Respice Finem"
(Look to the End).

E. W. Lentz, Myerstown, Pa.
Music.

Poem. . . . Flora S. Rahn, Schwenksville, Pa.

Epitome . . . O. H. E. Rauch, Slatington, Pa.
Music.

Prophecy. . W. H. Wotring, Schnecksville, Pa.
Music.

Banner Oration. . I. C. Fisher, Myerstown, Pa.
Music.

Benediction.

Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., LL.D.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26TH,

Meetings of Committees of the Board.

BENEFICIARY COMMITTEE.

The annual meeting of the standing beneficiary committee of the Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, at 1.30 p. m. Of the students attending the College "on trial," Frederick Witzel, Ira L. Bryner, and W. A. Kline, were received under the care of the committee. On application of the pastor, Rev. S. L. Messinger, Mr. David

Kerr of the Blain charge was received "on trial," with the promise of aid after his first year's study at the College. The marks of all the beneficiaries were carefully examined, and in nearly every case a steady improvement in class standing was discovered. Not a single demerit mark against any of the number mars the record of the last two terms. It was decided that hereafter only tuition, board, room rent, fire, light and incidentals will be provided for by the committee. Young men receiving aid must in every instance themselves, or by the help of their friends, pay for books, washing, and other items not included in the above list. The committee is in earnest in its work, and while seeking to make every provision for the comfortable pursuit of learning by the young men, it also seeks to be faithful to the churches contributing the money by erecting every possible safeguard against the acceptance or continuance of unworthy candidates and by exercising watchful care over the students from term to term.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee held an informal meeting on Tuesday at 4 p. m. The financial operations of the College for the past year were reviewed, and a most gratifying increase in income discovered. \$7945 of the indebtedness of the College was refunded at four and five per cent. \$27,450 have been raised in cash and subscriptions since the present effort to relieve the college

of debt was inaugurated several years ago, of which more than \$20,000 has been paid in. This amount includes a subscription of \$1000 by a generous friend of the institution, payable January 1, 1889, who will thereafter make an annual contribution for the President's salary, and by his help it is expected that the College will soon be able to meet current expenses. Then all donations can be applied to the reduction of the debt and the College be relieved speedily of its only internal hindrance.

8 P. M.—*The Annual Address Before the Literary Societies.*

The Annual Address before the Literary Societies of the College was delivered in the evening by Hon. Robert E. James, of Easton, Pa. His subject was "Two Decades," and he handled it in a way that completely captivated the splendid audience. The applause of clapping hands and flashing eyes was spontaneous and frequent, and it well might have been. The Zwinglian and Schaff societies deserve praises for having secured such an orator and added such a delightful evening to the week. Most acceptable music for the evening was furnished by the Ursinus College Orchestra, under the leadership of Rev. E. C. Hibshman.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27TH.

Meeting of the Board of Directors of the College.

The annual meeting of the Directors on Wednesday was attended with no special developments. The Com-

mittee on Property reported that about one thousand dollars were expended during the year in repairs and furniture. The Chapel was furnished with comfortable settees, a new organ and piano purchased, and other investments made to increase the efficiency of the equipments.

The Board resolved to grant certificates to students who shall pass creditable examinations in the different studies of the Normal Course.

The following degrees were conferred:—

A. M., in course.

- Rev. S. M. Hench, '77.
- Rev. F. A. Guth, '82.
- Miss Minerva Weinberger, '84.
- Rev. J. L. Murphy, '85.
- Rev. S. H. Phillips, '85.

M. S., in course.

- Prof. S. L. Hertzog, '78.
- Miss Bertha Hendricks, '84.
- A. J. Kern, M. D., '85.

A. M., honoris causa.

- Rev. W. Walenta, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- Rev. A. Spangler, York, Pa.
- Prof. F. J. Stettler, Slatington, Pa.

D. D., honoris causa.

- Rev. L. Praischatis, editor of *Kirchen-Zeitung*, Cleveland, O.

The Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association.

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association took place Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock in the Academic Hall, with the President, Rev. S. M. Hench, A. M., '77, in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. F. F. Bahner, A. M., '73. The members of the class of '88 were duly received into the association. The Treasurer rendered an encouraging

report, with \$61.63 in the treasury. Appropriated to the Library fund. A. W. Bomberger, Esq., '82, was appointed as the Alumni member of the Commencement Committee for '89.

Prof. Hyde, the College Librarian, into whose custody the Alumni Library has been placed, made a report of the changes and improvements that have been effected by the formal consolidation of all the libraries of the institution into one. The united libraries have been classified according to subjects, and a complete card catalogue prepared, so that everything in the libraries bearing on a particular subject may easily be found. All the books are placed in one room in substantial glass cases, so that the Library makes a handsome appearance, is accessible, and practically useful. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

President, Rev. S. L. Messinger, A. B., '85, Blain, Perry county, Pa.; Vice President, Miss Ella B. Price, B. S., '86, Norristown, Pa.; Secretary and Treasurer, F. G. Hobson, Esq., A. M., '76, Norristown, Pa.; Historian, H. T. Spangler, A. M., '73, Collegeville, Pa.; Orator, Rev. J. A. Foil, A. M., '73, Newton, N. C.; Alternate, Rev. J. Perry Beaver, Canaan Cross Roads.

First Annual Athletic Contests.

The first annual contests of the Athletic Association were held on the campus in the afternoon at three o'clock. The records established were very good under the unfavorable conditions extant. By counting five points for firsts and three

for seconds, the score of the classes are:—

'91	34
'90	6
'89	0
'88	5
'87	13
Academy	6

The events and records were as follows:—

100 YARDS DASH.—Won by Knipe, '91; time, 10 $\frac{3}{4}$. Second, Jones, '91; time 11 seconds.

THROWING THE 16-POUND HAMMER.—Won by Bomberger, '87; distance, 59 feet, 11 inches. Second, Kalbach, '92; distance, 48 feet, 5 inches.

PUTTING THE 16-POUND SHOT.—Won by Hendricks, '88; distance, 30 feet, 4 inches. Second, Kalbach, '92; distance, 29 feet.

120 YARDS HURDLE RACE.—Won by Knipe, '91; time, 16 seconds. Second, Royer, '90; time, 16 $\frac{3}{4}$.

THROWING BASE BALL.—Won by Bomberger, '87; distance, 321 feet. Second, Miller, '91; distance, 285 feet, 3 inches.

RUNNING HIGH JUMP.—Won by Knipe, '91; Height, 4 feet, 9 inches. Second, Williams, '91; height, 4 feet, 8 inches.

RUNNING BROAD JUMP.—Won by Williams, '91; distance, 16 feet, 10 inches. Second, Bomberger, '87; distance, 16 feet, 8 inches.

STANDING BROAD JUMP.—Won by Knipe, '91; distance, 8 feet, 6 inches. Second, Royer, '90; distance, 8 feet, 2 inches.

The order for the making of the prizes is in the hands of J. E. Caldwell & Co., of Philadelphia. They will be given those who made the best records in the events which they had regularly entered.

Alumni Oration.

The annual Alumni oration was delivered in the evening at eight o'clock by the Rev. G. S. Sorber, A.

M., '76, McEwensville, Northumberland county, Pa. The exercises were opened with a chorus admirably rendered by thirty voices under the direction of Prof. Edmund Morris Hyde, Ph. D. Prayer was offered by the Rev. G. W. Stibitz, A. M., '81, of New Haven, Conn. A selection by the well known Ursinus Quartette,—Miss H. Annie Rittenhouse, Miss Mary T. Kratz, Mr. C. E. Wehler and Rev. H. A. Bomberger,—served as a charming introduction for the gallant orator of the evening.

Mr. Sorber chose for his theme, "Our Imperiled Republic," and after an enthusiastic admission of our country's greatness, material, educational and religious, clearly proved that greatness does not exempt from perils. He classed the dangers which threaten our Republic under three heads, social, political and religious, speaking of the caste of wealth, the tyranny of fashion, the disregard of God, the Sabbath and the family; of the evils of anarchism and the deterioration of politics; of the aggressions of Romanism and the insidious inroads of "liberal" thought. The excellent style of the oration is illustrated by the extract published on another page. Its delivery was highly creditable to the orator himself, to his class and to the College.

At the conclusion of the oration the Quartette and Chorus each rendered another selection; putting the Alumni in excellent tune for the succeeding festivities.

Alumni Reunion.

At 9.30 p. m., the Alumni and Alumnae, with the invited guests, repaired to Prospect Terrace for their annual reunion. The spacious halls of this delightful summer resort, adjoining the College grounds, are admirably adapted to such a gathering. Rev. S. M. Hench, A. M., '77, acted as master of ceremonies. The following gentlemen responded to toasts in behalf of their respective classes: Rev. F. F. Bahner, A. M., '73; Rev. J. Perry Beaver, A. M., '80; Rev. J. W. Meminger, '84; Prof. Edmund Morris Hyde, Ph. D., in behalf of the Faculty; Rev. J. H. Hendricks, A. M., pastor of Trinity Christian Church, Collegeville, in behalf of the Directors; and Prof. E. J. Shives, A. M., of Heidelberg College, Tiffin, O., in behalf of the visitors.

With but a few exceptions the following Alumni, all of whom were present at some of the exercises of the Commencement, attended the reunion:—

'73. Rev. F. F. Bahner, J. A. Strassburger, Esq., Rev. H. T. Spangler.

'75. Rev. L. G. Kremer, Rev. D. U. Wolff.

'76. F. G. Hobson, Esq., Rev. A. B. Markley, Rev. G. S. Sorber, Rev. F. C. Yost.

'77. Rev. E. R. Cassidy, Rev. S. M. Hench.

'78. Rev. J. J. Fisher, Prof. S. L. Hertzog, Mr. M. M. Lenhart.

'80. Rev. J. Perry Beaver.

'81. Rev. G. W. Stibitz.

'82. A. W. Bomberger, Esq., Rev. F. A. Guth, L. E. Taubel, M. D.

'83. Prof. A. L. Landis.

'84. Rev. H. A. Bomberger, Miss Bertha Hendricks, Mr. H. A. Hunsicker, Rev. J. W. Meminger, Rev. J. J. Stauffer, Miss Minerva Weinberger.

'85. A. J. Kern, M. D., Miss Sallie L. Kulp, Rev. J. B. May, Rev. S. L. Messinger, Rev. S.

H. Phillips, Rev. O. P. Shellhamer, Miss Mary Wiest.

'86. Miss Lillie J. Eberly, Rev. E. C. Hibshman, Rev. G. H. Miller, Mr. D. C. Murtha, Miss Ella B. Price.

'87. Mr. Walter Bomberger, Mr. G. P. Fisher, Prof. W. A. Korn, Mr. T. S. Krause, Mr. P. C. Mensch, Mr. C. E. Wehler.

'88. Howard T. Boyer, Albert S. Bromer, C. U. O. Derr, J. L. Fluck, A. H. Hendricks, John Lerch, Raymond F. Longacre, James Leuba.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28TH.

The commencement exercises proper were held on Thursday at 10 a. m. Despite the frequent showers the tent was filled to the very door with a highly appreciative audience. After the Board of Directors, Faculty, Alumni, and graduating class had marched to the front and were seated, the Rev. Robert Hunter, of Philadelphia, offered an earnest invocation. J. Lewis Fluck, Quakertown, Pa., was the salutatorian of the graduating class, and after gracefully welcoming all in its name, he spoke on the theme, "Change."

"Change is the universal rule of the universe. In all nature, no matter what signs of improvement are apparent, there is somewhere constant decay going on. The mouldering scenes of the ages unrolled reveal a history of change and decay. We desire, we pursue, we are satiated. To-day we live, to-morrow we die. To-day the plow is guided by one, to-morrow by stranger hands. To-day we meet a friend in whose eyes we seem to see the light of heaven, to-morrow we follow him to the tomb. If then in the

face of nature there is constant change; if our friends pass away and all is change, constant change, how we may rejoice that something is presented to our view unchangeable, so that when the golden cord of life is breaking we may be prepared for something in which to put our trust, sure and abiding forever."

James H. Leuba, New York city, was excused from delivering his oration on "Truth and Virtue."

Howard T. Boyer, Collegeville, Pa., spoke on the subject, "America's Pitfalls."

"Our country in her glorious upward and onward march, has no broad and easy path to tread, but one full of dangerous pitfalls. The arch enemy of all right and truth is constantly planning for her downfall. America must guard and fight constantly against intemperance or she will be swallowed up as a nation by it. It is a pitfall dark and deep. Too often the youth of our country form the guiding principles of life when their minds are filled by the inventive genius of some man with romantic fiction and airy nothingness. The almost unlicensed flood of immigration, full of the out-casts, the anarchy and treachery of other nations, is again a very dangerous pitfall, hidden by the seeming unlimited amount of room in our blessed country. It must be restricted by the most rigid laws. As the Christian is not carried to heaven on flowery beds of ease, so America cannot reach the eminence it should among the nations of the earth except

through trials and eternal vigilance." Abraham H. Hendricks, Collegeville, Pa., delivered a third oration on "The Wonders of the Natural World."

"The person acquainted with some of the astonishing facts of the natural world must at heart recognize a supreme ruler over all, God. There are wonders at every turn. Sublime mountains and cataracts, creatures on land and water, from the invisible insect floating in a sunbeam to the whale, the monster of the deep. What a magnificent object is the sun. What warmth, beauty and activity he diffuses in the globe which we inhabit. The wonders of the universe are so vast that the mind shrinks from attempting to grasp them. The microscope reveals wonders equally as great. Man as a physical and spiritual being is the greatest wonder of all. Each reverent thought upon and search after the wonders of the natural world, lifts us to a higher and grander moral plane."

Raymond F. Longacre, Yerkes, Pa., delivered the second scientific oration. "The Assimilative Power of Mankind" was his theme.

"As the spirit troubled Bethsada's pool of old, so was it to disturb the waters of life. In the rush and whirl of every-day life, we live an existence too objective. If we as a nation would tower aloft we must look to our moorings in the Rock of Ages. They who fight out their lives in the very smoke and heat of battle never think of the subject,

when they might have an influence magnificent in reach and depth. The assimilative power of a noble Christian life is unmeasurable. How grand to go forth in the majesty of God's friendship and love like an angel of mercy that comes to gladden hearts and brighten homes. The influences of such a life never die. The ripples never cease to die until broken on eternity's shore."

John Lerch, of Mount Bethel, Pa., delivered the Philosophical Oration on "Pyramids."

"A man may blunder into a triumph, but he is a blunderer still. A world was discovered by a man, but he was not looking for it. Mohammed, Alexander, Cæsar,—these acquired names more lasting than the Egyptian pyramids. But, oh! how awful such a ruin! Many are the paths to fame, and many are the noble men who have striven on in them, only to be cut down by death before reaching their goal. But Washington, Franklin, Newton are pyramids of the ages. Zwingli's pyramid must live eternally. These are those whose examples are indeed worthy the imitation. Aspire to noble deeds, heroic works. Pyramids built in blood shall crumble and sink, but those built in the lives of righteous men shall abide forever."

Albert S. Bromer, of Schwenksville, Pa., was the first Scientific Orator. His subject, "The Reign of the Past."

"Between external uniformity and internal variety there is a strange contrast. Although ages have pass-

ed away their record remains unchanged. The reign of the past has left its indelible impress on every feature of the earth. All men are born with an inheritance of political faith, religious views, social ideas. We stand here to-day feeling the influence of the reign of the past. It is the past which has moulded the influences of the nineteenth century. We in spite of ourselves are carried on in the resistless tide of the nation's progress. Man year by year would remain a worthless being bringing forth baneful seed, but he looks o'er the past and recognizes the hand as of an angel beckoning him in the cloud and urging him on to highest aspirations and deeds."

Calvin U. O. Derr, of Reading, Pa., was the Valedictorian of '88. His theme was, "The Grandeur of Human Life."

"Who can watch the expansion of a human soul without being filled with amazement. Through the pane of the soul we may see deity. Life becomes grand in view of its capabilities and in its opportunities to learn from the book of nature which God has provided, and above all to act its part well. The life which fulfills its mission, whether it be high up in the pinnacle of fame or lowly at the foot of the hill, is grand, grand indeed." Mr. Derr, when he had finished his oration, in a few, well chosen words bid farewell, in the name of his class, to all present.

President Bomberger, after a selection by the orchestra, in the name of the Board of Directors of the col-

lege, conferred the degrees heretofore mentioned, and on the class, addressed parting words to the graduates, and dismissed the immense audience with the benediction. The exercises were interspersed with most excellent selections by the Allentown Orchestra, under the leadership of Prof. Ruhe.

3 P. M.—*Ursinus Union.*

This organization seeks to promote the welfare of the College and the principles it represents by direct effort in behalf of missions and beneficiary education. Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D., of Lebanon, Pa., is chairman of the Missionary Committee, and H. T. Spangler, of the Beneficiary Committee. Dr. Kremer reported \$3000 received for missions, and H. T. Spangler stated that \$1760 had been received from the churches for beneficiary purposes and \$302 from a student who discontinued his course. The largest beneficiary contributors of the year were Rev. H. A. Keyser, Mahanoy City, \$183.45; F. W. Kremer, D. D., Lebanon, \$140; Geo. Wolff, D. D., Myerstown, \$100; Rev. J. W. Meminger, St. Paul's, Lancaster, \$100.

The meeting of the Union was held this year again amid all the social diversions of Commencement afternoon, and on account of the important work still before the organization it was resolved to ask the Directors of the College to change their annual meeting from Wednesday to Tuesday, so as to give the Union a half day freer from inter-

ruptions for its annual convocation. It was agreed that educational conventions should be held under the auspices of the Union in such congregations as might desire the enlightening influences of general discussion, to bring before the people the interests of higher education in general, the claims of URSINUS COLLEGE in particular, and its relation to and work for the church. A committee was also appointed to collect facts and evidence of attempted interference with pastors and churches in supporting the work of the College.

Rev. J. H. Hendricks, of Collegeville, was elected permanent Secretary of the Union.

8 P. M.—*The President's Reception.*

The President's Reception to the graduates took place in the parlors of Prospect Terrace in the evening. A large and brilliant gathering was present, notwithstanding the rain and mud. A collation was served at ten o'clock.

SPECIAL TOPICS.

THE PERILS OF "ADVANCED" THOUGHT.

[Extract from Alumni Oration delivered by the Rev. G. S. Sorber, A. M., '76, at the Commencement, June 27, 1888.]

In the religious sphere we are beset with another and exceedingly subtle foe which is pleased to call itself advanced thought. Whilst the nation is not sectarian it is far from being irreligious. Here God's word has always been honored and his providence and grace have been adored. Adherents of this school

of advanced thinkers would either make so broad the provisions of the gospel, heeding not the conditions of salvation, as to include all, or would eternally ignore religion.

Infidelity in its grosser forms very soon runs its course. Its principles, if it has any, are such as speedily to stultify it. It is when it comes to us in specious forms, surreptitiously entering the mind and diffusing itself abroad, that it forecasts ruin. This peril is so grave because it is taking the corner-stone from the foundation of our nation's greatness.

This advanced thought and liberalism in religion we observe the more dangerous as we examine its fortresses. They are to be found in our institutions of learning, thus emanating from sources of great and far-reaching power. Even we find in our day that professors of theology are ungirdling themselves and are disseminating ideas which are most highly injurious to the cause of pure religion. They are sending abroad amongst the people religious teachers who have imbibed a "mucilaginous theology," which adheres more to worldliness than to godliness. Human philosophy is exalted above the pure gospel of Christ. It is more honorable to be a great thinker than to be a penitent at the feet of the meek and lowly Jesus. Certain issues are clothed with the garb of respectability, but to deceive unsuspecting souls who may be attracted by the array of glittering armor.

There is a craze for new things

which has struck pure religion in our nation. To meet this demand it has thus occurred that certain old philosophers have been remodelled, and as they come forth captivate the waiting multitude.

In all the subtle diffusions of these advanced thinkers the weaknesses of man are catered to, as is the case with formalism and the Andover theory. Sending forth teachers of religion who declare the fallacy that there is a probation after death.

This is most baneful in that it discourages missionary activity and develops worldliness among those who are not Christians in Christian communities.

You, dear friends and preceptors, who have been instrumental in establishing and maintaining this institution of learning, have been most faithful in your adherence to the tenets of pure evangelical Christianity. We, who have here received our instruction, and gather as Alumni, can rejoice that Ursinus is still raising high her hand against all those specious forms of error that would insidiously be forced upon us.

May she ever continue true to the principles on which she was founded. Then from her halls will continue to go those who will make their influence felt in suppressing the religious errors abroad in the Republic.

But whilst it is true that this and other institutions are faithful in maintaining and re-affirming the old land-marks, yet no thoughtful person will dare underrate the perils ever

besetting us. The very conniving at them is a preparation for great calamity.

A GOOD REPLY.

A bishop or no bishop for the Reformed Church in the United States is the latest sensation in our ecclesiastical latitude. The matter has been hinted at and talked of *sub rosa* in certain circles off and on for some time. But the excitement reached a sort of open climax in a paper read and published early in May (the effervescent month), which presents what are apparently meant as reasons in favor of a Reformed episcopate.

Most legitimately the paper caused some stir, and has elicited a response. This was published in the *Christian World* of May 23d. It is believed to be from the pen of a theological alumnus of URSINUS COLLEGE, though at the head of the article the only indication of its authorship is, "By a Bishop."

Under cover of supplementing the paper referred to by additional proofs that the Church needs a Bishop (in the hierarchical, not Biblical, sense), the author gives ten separate reasons, each elaborately argued, and all together occupying almost the entire first page of the *World*, demonstrating (sinisterially) the great advantages which the Church would gain from putting the authoritative administration into the hands of a triumvirate of episcopal "executioners."

The article is a scathing satire upon the novel proposition, and will

probably close an inopportune and foolish discussion. If men want a hierarchical episcopate let them go where they can get it ready-made, or apply to one of those modern tailors who offer by flaming circulars to supply the finest cut, latest style, and best fitting clerical suits and robes.

AFTER-COMMENCEMENT FESTIVITIES.

Although not announced on the programme, nor formally connected with the occasion, yet several events have transpired since Commencement which are of sufficient interest to the friends of the College to merit chronicling in connection with the greater event whose departing shadows have thereby been brightened for those who abide at URSINUS during vacation.

On Tuesday afternoon, July 3d, it was the happy privilege of President Bomberger to unite in marriage his own son, Augustus Wight Bomberger, Esq., A. M., '82, of Philadelphia, and Miss Mary T. Kratz, the charming daughter of H. W. Kratz, Esq., President of the College Board of Directors. Mr. Bomberger has been editor of the BULLETIN for two years, bringing it in that time into the front rank of college journals, and Miss Kratz served the College several years as instructor in music. Their connection with the College has been direct and intimate, and the whole College circle rejoices with them in their new estate.

The wedding took place at the beautiful home of the bride's parents,

Trappe, Pa., at 4.30 o'clock, and was attended only by the immediate families of the bride and groom. Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D., pastor of St. Luke's Reformed Church, in which Miss Kratz faithfully discharged the duties of organist for a number of years, assisted in the ceremony. Although the wedding was strictly private a number of elegant and costly presents were sent in by admiring friends. Caterer J. H. Richard served an elaborate collation, after which the bridal couple took the train to Philadelphia en route for the seashore to spend the honeymoon in listening to the music of the waves.

On the day preceding, Monday, July 2d, Dr. Bomberger had enjoyed a similar pleasure in being privileged to join in the happy bonds of matrimony a member of the class of '85, Miss Sallie L. Kulp, of Grater's Ford, Pa., and Mr. Charles A. Wagner, of Philadelphia, who had also been a student at URSINUS for several years. The wedding took place quietly at the residence of the bride's parents, Rev. Isaac Kulp and wife, and the newly wedded couple immediately repaired to Philadelphia to take up housekeeping.

COLLEGE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The opening address of the Fall term, which begins on Monday, September 3d, will be delivered on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock by Prof. ———

Examinations for admission into the College will be held on the first two days of the term at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. Students can be admitted without examination if they present certificates of fitness, setting forth the studies they have pursued, from approved schools.

The Directors at their annual meeting abolished the charge of "washing" on College bills, and hereafter students themselves must settle for their washing direct with the steward.

Attention is also called to the rule, plainly stated in the College catalogue, that tuition fees must be paid in advance; the bill for board, one-half at the beginning of each term, and the other half at the middle of the term.

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MONTHLY SUMMARY.

COLLEGIATE.

Several years ago *Franklin and Marshall College*, Lancaster, Pa., resolved to raise a centennial memorial fund for the endowment of its presidency. The effort was continued after the centennial Commencement of 1887, and Prof. J. S. Stahr, Ph. D., has had special charge of the movement. It is now reported that \$19,000 have been received in cash, \$7000 in pledges, and \$6000 is counted on from the sale of timber lands of the Willhelm estate.

The President, Dr. T. G. Apple, who is also a professor in the Seminary, desired to be released from his college work, but the Board continued him in his position and relieved him of the discipline of the institution. Prof. R. C.

Schiedt was elected as a permanent member of the faculty.

The following honorary degrees were conferred:—

A. M.—Carl Abbot and Professor W. W. Moore.

D. D.—Rev. James A. Baird, Baltimore, Md.; Rev. Prof. H. Kurtz, of Sheboygan Institute, Wisconsin, and Rev. P. C. Prugh, Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler, Pa.

LL. D.—Samuel W. Pennypacker, Esq., Philadelphia.

Heidelberg College, Tiffin, O., is struggling bravely through the immense undertaking of its new sixty-thousand-dollar building. Only two thousand dollars are needed to complete its payment.

The Faculty has been strengthened by the election of E. J. Shives, A. M., as adjunct Professor of Natural Science, F. H. Sonnedecker as adjunct Professor of Latin, and M. E. Kleckner as Professor of Biology.

The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on the following clergymen:—

Rev. D. Dwight Bigger, A. M., Tiffin; Rev. S. W. Thomas, A. M., Philadelphia; Rev. P. C. Prugh, A. M., Butler, Pa.; Rev. S. C. Goss, A. M., Wadsworth.

CONGREGATIONAL.

A new church was dedicated at Glencoe, Somerset county, Pa., Rev. C. H. Reiter pastor, on June 10th. Cost of building, \$2,200.

Rev. J. G. Dengler, the enterprising pastor of the Sellersville charge, Bucks county, Pa., has built a new church at Souderton, a growing town on the North Pennsylvania railroad, one mile from the old Leidy's church.

At Mann's Choice, Bedford county, Rev. S. C. Long has successfully completed a new church building, which was recently dedicated free of debt.

Rev. G. B. Dechant has a large charge in the vicinity of Catawissa, Pa., and recently a new church was dedicated in one of the congregations to take the place of an old union church.

SYNODICAL.

Rev. G. A. Schwedes, pastor-elect of the new Kutztown and Topton charge, has been elected by the Board of Foreign Missions as additional missionary to Yamagata, Japan.

BENEVOLENT.

President Magill, of Swarthmore College, near Philadelphia, made the following announcement at the recent Commencement of his college:—

"I have to-day the great pleasure of announcing that the effort to secure endowments has not only been entirely successful but that the result has far surpassed our most sanguine expectations. About two hundred and fifty persons have sent in subscriptions for larger or smaller sums, and with the amount thus secured the managers have endowed the 'Professorship of Mathematics and Astronomy.' Nor is this all. Three individuals have generously come forward and have themselves each endowed a professorship, as follows:

"Isaiah V. Williamson, of Philadelphia, has endowed the 'I. V. Williamson Professorship of Civil and Mechanical Engineering' to the amount of \$40,000.

"Joseph Wharton, of Philadelphia, has endowed the 'Joseph Wharton Professorship of History and Political Economy' to the amount of \$40,000.

"Isaac H. Clothier, of Philadelphia, has endowed the 'Isaac H. Clothier Professorship of the Latin Language and Literature' to the amount of \$40,000."

This announcement was received with great applause from the audience and from the platform. The \$160,000 received to-day increases Swarthmore's actual cash endowment to about \$400,000, not including the buildings, grounds and fixtures, which cost about half a million dollars. The last endowment is largely due to the indomitable perseverance of Edward H. Magill, LL.D., President of the College. At the beginning of the year he began a strong canvass for funds for one endowment. He met with fair success, and subscriptions ranging in size from \$5 to \$6,000 were received. The fund was increased to about \$27,000, when, at a recent meeting of the Board of Managers, Isaiah V. Williamson, Joseph Wharton and Isaac H. Clothier, all prominent Philadelphians, announced their intentions of each endowing one whole professorship. This electrified the rest of the Board, and in a very short time the \$13,000 necessary for making the first full professorship was subscribed. The total amount is the largest received by any American college this year, and will go far to place Swarthmore upon a level with the greater universities.

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
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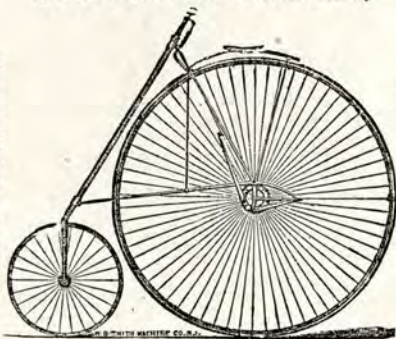
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